

## Timely Tidbits ...

### Huron Applefest

The annual Huron Township Applefest will be held October 4–5 in downtown New Boston (Huron River Drive between Waltz Road and Somers Street).

Saturday's attractions will include the Michigan State Champion Old-Time Fiddlers Contest (10 a.m.), a parade (1 p.m.), and an apple pie auction (2 p.m.). Among Sunday's events will be a one-mile fun run (9 a.m.), 10k run (9:30 a.m.; register by calling 734-282-1101 or visiting [www.huronapplefest.com](http://www.huronapplefest.com)), and a car show with free entry for all cars (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Live music and dance performances are also scheduled at various times. Vendor, craft, and food items will abound.

### Taylor Fall FunFest

The annual City of Taylor Fall FunFest will celebrate the season with something for everyone to enjoy. The event – to be held at Heritage Park (12111 Pardee) on Saturday, October 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – will feature affordable family fun.

Attractions will include an arts & crafts show, free pumpkin decorating (while supplies last), a free magic show (1 p.m.), free hayrides, and dip-your-own caramel apples for \$1. Goody bargains will include a cider/donut combo for \$1 and a hot dog/chips/pop combo for \$3. Play all day on the "moonwalk" slide, and obstacle course for \$5.

### Belleville Harvest Fest

Belleville's Harvest Fest – set for Saturday, October 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – will feature free family fun at the museum, library, and 4th Street parking lot.

Museum events and exhibits will include dulcimer music, a nickel dig (2 p.m.), a scavenger hunt, folded-paper crafts, an old-fashioned game table, quilting, rug beating, corn shelling, and a scrub-board laundry. At the library will be a petting farm and pony rides (12 to 3 p.m.), music by Fiddlers ReStrung (1 to 2 p.m.), Indian corn jewelry, corn-husk dolls, butter churning, candle dipping, ink stamping, soap carving, leaf rubbing, and apple dipping. Be sure to visit the artist workshop on 4th Street. □

## Small-town Atmosphere Draws Filmmakers to Romulus

By Kristi Stephens

To people whose only familiarity with Romulus lies in flying in and out of Detroit Metro Airport, the city probably seems much like any other American suburb with major freeways and industrial development.

But, how many suburbs have a one-room schoolhouse-turned-museum that's located less than a mile from each of these metropolitan features?

The fact that parts of Romulus have retained a small-town atmosphere, despite the city's status as a world-class transportation hub, was a big factor in its recent selection as a site for recording what promises to be a major motion picture. *Miss January*, as the film is to be titled, will boast marquee talents Kim Cattrall (*Sex and the City*), Brian Dennehy (*Cocoon*), and Keith David (*Barbershop*) in supporting roles, along with its lesser-known young star, Dustin Ingram ("Unfabulous").

Given the movie's story line – orphaned teen, just out of high school, embarks on a cross-country trek in search of his fantasy woman, a siren of '70s adult cinema – director Keith Bearden needed locations that would be representative of a typical Midwest American town. With its vintage homes, old brick storefronts, and picturesque historic park, downtown Romulus fit the bill.

"The film crew ended up using a number of sites in our city," said Mayor Alan R. Lambert. "Historical Park and the Senior Center were among them, along with a local barbershop (Family Hair Shop), grocery (Romulus Market Place), drug store (Sav-On Family Pharmacy), and various homes." The grounds at Cory Elementary School were also used.

Not surprisingly, one of the most memorable moments for Lambert was a photo op with actress Cattrall, who told him that she enjoyed her time in Romulus.

"Ms. Cattrall said everyone here was kind to her, and that she liked Michigan very much," Lambert recalled. "She would definitely welcome a chance to return to our area for another movie."

Lambert wasn't the only one who was excited about having Hollywood come to Romulus. Over the course of three days' shooting, many people – some equipped with lawn chairs – came out to watch from afar. Among them was Romulus Historical Society member Gloria Chandler.

"It was a real 'happening,'" said the lifelong resident. "Everyone was interested in what was going on."

Chandler said she got to talk with some of the crew members, who told her that



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert and his fiancée, Diane Banks (right), enjoyed an opportunity to meet film and television star Kim Cattrall, who was in Romulus in late September for the shooting of *Miss January*. Photo by R. E. Kadanu

Romulus had been chosen because of its quaint atmosphere.

"They said that our older buildings and beautiful park were the perfect setting for the story."

Producer/financier Gary Gilbert of Los Angeles-based Gilbert Films had at least two equally good, although very different reasons for wanting to shoot *Miss January* in Michigan. The first was personal: As a Southfield native and University of Michigan alumnus, he has deep roots here, and believes he possesses a real feel for our state's mostly untapped potential in the movie world. The second was purely practical – money. A package of bills signed into law

by Governor Jennifer Granholm earlier this year gives filmmakers significant financial incentives for bringing their projects here.

Lambert said the entire experience seemed to be a positive one for both residents and visitors.

"Having roads blocked off and buildings closed temporarily did pose some inconvenience, but the film crew was very cooperative about minimizing our downtime," he stated. "We were also compensated for the use of our facilities, including the Senior Center, as well as for costs we incurred by providing police services, etc."

"I think the novelty and the thrill more than made up for any minor aggravation."

### Mayor's Fitness Challenge

Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) and Mayor Alan R. Lambert are working together to launch the Mayor's Fitness Challenge – a fun and motivational weight-loss competition that will start on October 6 and run through November 23.

First-, second-, and third-place finishers in both the men's and women's divisions will receive prizes. Winners will be determined by the percentage of their weight loss.

Must be at least 18 years old to be eligible to compete. Space is limited; call 734.942.2223. □

### Auxiliary Police Wanted

Applications are currently being accepted by the Taylor Auxiliary Police, the volunteer organization that supplements the work of the City of Taylor Police Department.

According to a statement issued by the City, each candidate must be a United States citizen at least 21 years of age; have a good driving record; and have either a high school diploma or a GED in order to be considered.

To receive more information, or to apply for the auxiliary department, call 734-374-4050. □



## Town Hall Will Address Hunting Issues

Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) will join with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to hold a Town Hall meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, at Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road, Taylor). The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss issues of interest to Michigan's hunters. Topics will include chronic wasting disease (CWD) and bait feed bans, the use of crossbows, and water-fowl surveys.

"Many of these issues are on people's minds as hunting season approaches, and I hope to help shed some light on any concerns and unanswered questions," Basham said. "Hunting is an important addition to Michigan's economy and a favorite pastime for many citizens. With the recent changes in rules and laws – and the discovery of chronic wasting disease in Michigan – it's important that we educate our hunters and make sure they are aware of any new concerns before heading to the woods."

Senator Basham will be joined by representatives from the DNR, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and Michigan State University Extension to discuss the discovery of chronic wasting disease, ongoing efforts to test and monitor deer to determine whether the disease has spread, the related bait feed ban, and other issues of concern to local hunters.

According to Basham, the DNR recently imposed a ban on the baiting and feeding of deer throughout the Lower Peninsula in response to the August 2008 discovery of a captive deer with chronic wasting disease in Kent County. It was the first time the neurological disease had showed up in Michigan.

Chronic wasting disease can be transmitted between animals, or from food contaminated by the saliva or feces of an infected deer. The agency hopes that its action will help to prevent the spread of the persistent, fatal disease to Michigan's large population of wild deer.

### Legislation Would Create "Green" Jobs

Senator Basham said he supported bipartisan, comprehensive, renewable energy legislation that will stimulate economic growth and the creation of "green" jobs while saving rate-payers \$4.3 billion in future energy costs. Basham believes that this legislation, which includes Senate Bills 213 and 1048 and House Bill 5524, will ensure that Michigan's energy needs are met by clean and renewable energy resources while specifically reducing costs for consumers.

"This package of bills represents a critical step in the direction of reducing carbon emissions and developing cleaner energy solutions for Michigan," said Basham. "Setting standards for renewable energy production will help drive investment in wind, solar, and other alternative energy sources to create jobs while reducing the state's contribution to global climate change." □

### Last Day To Register

Area residents who would like to take part in the November 4 General Election, but are not yet registered to vote, must sign up by Monday, October 6. For further information, contact your local clerk's office or visit the Michigan Secretary of State Web site: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos). □

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Student representatives from each building in the Romulus Community Schools held their first Youth Leadership Team meeting of 2008-09 at Cory Elementary to plan events for the remainder of the school year. The team is sponsored by the Romulus LEAGUE, with funding from a Learn and Serve grant. Participants included (clockwise from bottom left): Marissa Eldridge (Wick Elementary), Briana Bohannon (Romulus Middle School), Chris Forbis (Community High), Joseph Decoster (Merriman Elementary), Jamie Laura (Barth Elementary), Byron Bradley (Cory Elementary), and Ivory Cross (Romulus High School).



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## Taylor Firefighters Defeat Police Officers in Softball Benefit



The friendly rivalry of a softball game between City of Taylor firefighters and police officers brought everyone together to benefit a good cause: the Make-A-Wish Foundation. *Photo by David Gorgon*

For the second straight year, it took late heroics by members of the Taylor Fire Department to defeat their Police Department counterparts in the second annual softball game to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The game, played on World Series Field at Heritage Park, saw the firefighters defeat the police officers, 11-9.

The police team took a 5-0 lead in the first inning, thanks mainly to Sergeant Jim Martin's grand slam — the first of three home runs he hit during the game.

But, the firefighters battled back. After seven innings, the game was tied at 9-9.

In the eighth, the team in red scored two unearned runs to go ahead to stay.

Fire Medic Scott Barry had two homers; his teammate, Lieutenant Russ McNamee, hit another and knocked in what proved to be the winning runs.

Police Corporal Aaron Shrewsbury won the pregame home run derby. Fire Medic Ron Evina was the runner-up.

"It was definitely a great game," said Taylor Police Corporal Jeff Shewchuk, who organized the game with Fire Medic Joe Ajlouny. "It was very competitive. I have to hand it to the Fire Department. They have a great team. They made very few errors in the game, and were able to capitalize and get the win."

Ajlouny agreed that the competition was fierce.

"The competitiveness between the two departments stands out again," he said. "The police played great, like they do in every other sport. We were able to capitalize. We played like a real team — like we do when we're working."

Ajlouny added, "The real winners of the game were the kids in the Make-A-Wish Foundation."

Between ticket sales and donations from the police and fire unions, Shewchuk estimated the contribution to Make-A-Wish would be \$2,500.

Taylor firefighters and police officers meet throughout the year in softball, soccer, and hockey games, all of which raise money for a charity.

The next contest will be the annual hockey game, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 7, at the Taylor Sportsplex (13333 Telegraph Road). The police officers are undefeated in the long hockey rivalry.

The game will benefit the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, which provides food to more than 500 families and individuals throughout the year. The Police Department's Holly McGeogh Memorial Scholarship Fund will receive part of the proceeds, as well.

Tickets to the game are \$5. Former Detroit Red Wing John Ogradnick will sign autographs at the game, courtesy of the Load One trucking company in Taylor. □

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To celebrate the beginning of the school year, students at Metro Accademy in Romulus launched hundreds of colorful balloons into the sky. Attached to each was a note requesting a response from the individual who discovers the traveling balloon. The students anticipate responses from people all over Michigan and, possibly, nearby states and Canada. The balloons' landing spots will be plotted on a huge classroom map to aide in students' study of Michigan.



## A Quest for Lofty Heights and Ideals



Richard Leverette, a Detroit resident who works for the Wayne County Roads Commission in Romulus, said he took a Public Service Credit Union banner on his trip to Mt. Kilimanjaro to share PSCU's "people helping people" philosophy.

Although Richard Leverette ultimately did not reach the snowy summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro during his recent trip to Tanzania, his lofty ideals placed him high in the hearts of the people he met along the way.

Leverette, a member of Public Service Credit Union since 1994, said he took a PSCU banner on his quest to climb Africa's tallest peak (19,340 feet) in order to share the credit union's "people helping people" philosophy with others.

"On momentous treks, people often take a national flag to symbolize their values, but other banners can also tell the world what you believe in," he explained.

Leverette's trip soon turned into more than a personal pursuit; it became a one-man humanitarian mission. In the city of Arusha, at its famous clock tower, he met and befriended two locals who showed him the sites. In turn, he helped them travel to visit family they hadn't seen in years.

Leverette then turned his sights on

Kilimanjaro. Along with a guide, a cook, and three porters, he began to scale the mountain. After several days, he made it to the 14,000-foot mark, where the air was thin and cold. There, he contracted food poisoning, and had to be taken back down.

On his return to Arusha, Leverette met a little boy, Pascal, who captured his heart. Together, they visited a local market, where Leverette bought the boy shoes, socks, and clothes. That gesture, he said, made a huge impact on Pascal, who went from a shy little boy to one beaming with smiles.

"Richard Leverette spent less than a month in another country, but his impact will last a lifetime," said PSCU president and CEO Dean Trudeau. "He took along a small flag with a credit union's name, but he viewed it as a representation of American lifestyles and a caring spirit."

Said Leverette, "My experience with Pascal gave me a piece of happiness – a piece of the American Dream." □



Pascal (right) – carrying his new shoes – shopped for socks to go with them.

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# Belleville, Romulus High Schools Celebrate Homecoming Week



Belleville High School students will choose their 2008 Homecoming Queen from among the following Court members: (from left) Lisa Butzin, Allison Kloc, LaVonne Ellis, Kenya Jones, Krisha Rafols, Kristina McKeever, Ivy Haralson, and Anastasia Smith. Photo by Jason Strzalkowski

Homecoming events continue at Belleville and Romulus high schools, which will wrap up Spirit Week activities with football on October 3 and a dance October 4.

## BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

The theme of the BHS 2008 Homecoming is "Under the Sea," according to Student Council advisor Jason Strzalkowski. School Spirit activities include dress-up days: "Class T-shirt" (Tuesday), "Wacky-Tacky Beach Wear" (Wednesday), "Pirates" (Thursday), and "Black and Orange" (Friday).

During Friday's pep rally, students will compete in a tug-of-war, an ocean-themed relay, and "skin the snake." Students will also choose this year's Homecoming Queen from among eight Court members: Lisa Butzin, LaVonne Ellis, Ivy Haralson, Kenya Jones, Allison Kloc, Kristina McKeever, Krisha Rafols, and Anastasia Smith.

Preceding Friday's game, when BHS will face Taylor Truman, will be a "Tigers Tailgate." The event will begin at 4 p.m. in the parking lot outside the support services

building (old administration building) near the tennis courts. Highlights will include class and club booths for fund-raising sales, along with a free "moonwalk," a dunk tank, and choir and band performances on a portable stage.

The Homecoming game will begin at 7 p.m., with announcement of the Queen and Spirit Jug winner at halftime.

The week will conclude with the annual dance, to be held at Belleville High School on Saturday from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

## ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL

Like Belleville, Romulus High School makes dress-up days one of the mainstays of its Homecoming celebration, according to Student Government co-advisor Robert McLachlan. Themes like "Get Out the Vote" (Monday) encouraged students to display their patriotic and civic pride, while "Mix Match" (Tuesday) produced some truly creative ensembles. Wednesday's dress-up day was inspired by this year's Homecoming theme: "Island Paradise." Themes for Thursday and Friday will be "Collegiate" and "Maroon and White," respectively.

Students will also select their King and Queen from among a Court of 10 seniors: Cody Barnes, Filmore Bouldes, Rodney Cofield, Gary Nemeth, and Demetrius Price; and Melissa Dufore, Brianna Grover,

Tanesha Hill-Harris, Mary Ann Watts, and Kanaya Williams.

Friday's pep assembly will include a tug-of-war contest between the classes, with the winner playing against RHS staff members. Other features will be a football toss, a hula-hoop competition, musical chairs, three-legged races, and the annual pyramid contest. A spirited performance from the RHS Marching Band will prepare everyone to cheer the Eagles on to victory.

The annual Homecoming Parade will be held Friday, as well. Starting at 4 p.m., preregistered participants will line up at Romulus City Hall, then make their way along the traditional route through downtown with one exception: only the floats will continue along Ozga to Romulus Middle School. All others will stop at Romulus Progressive Hall, near Five Points.

At 7 p.m., the Eagles will take on the Robichaud Bulldogs at Romulus Middle School. Winners of the Homecoming King, Queen, Float, and Spirit Jug competitions will be announced at halftime.

The annual Homecoming Dance – always a sellout! – will be held at Romulus High School on Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m.

For questions about Homecoming activities, call McLachlan (734-532-1011) or Kathy Abdo (532-1047). □

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## HOMEcoming '08

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### ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL

Parade at 5:00 p.m.

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Football Game at 7:00 p.m.  
vs. Robichaud High School

(Romulus Middle School)

### BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Tiger Tailgate at 4:00 p.m.

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Football Game at 7:00 p.m.  
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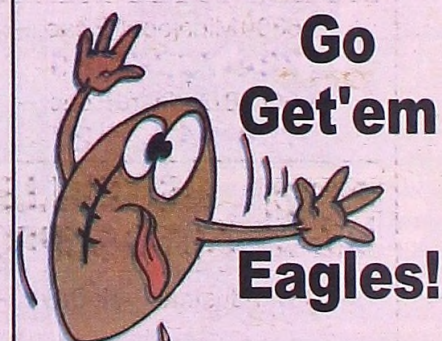
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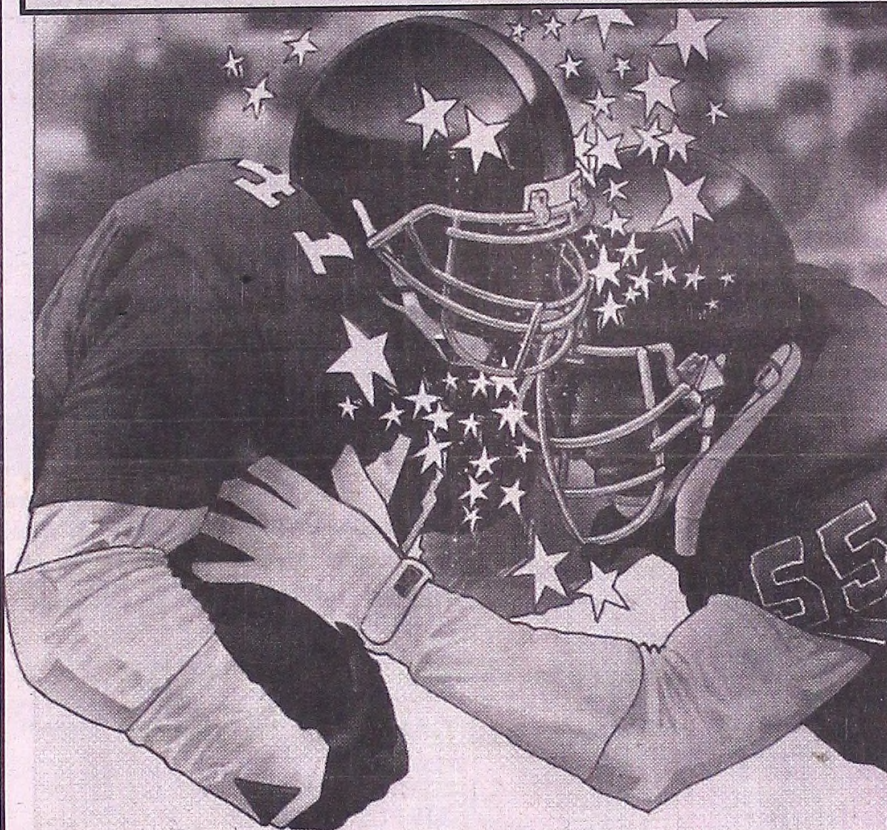
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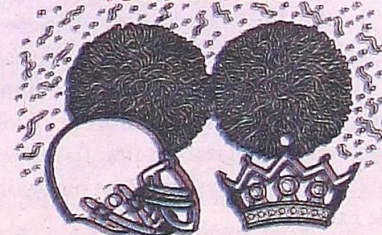
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# Parade, Pumpkin Festival Celebrated Season with Fall Fun

Another successful Parade of Lights and Pumpkin Festival set new attendance records for both events, drawing thousands of people from all over southeast Michigan to the City of Romulus the weekend of September 19-21.

Kicking things off at 8 p.m. on Friday was the Romulus Rotary-sponsored parade, which featured brilliantly illuminated vehicles and floats decorated in a variety of fall themes. First-place prizes were awarded in three categories based on votes cast by the public at the Rotary's festival booth.

The winners were:

- Commercial Division: Romulus Community Schools Transportation Department (school bus)
- Motorized Division: Carl Smith ("Deadbeat Dad")
- Nonmotorized Division: Romulus High School Marching Band

The festival itself featured a number of entertainments. Highlights included live music, a tractor show, historical exhibits, craft booths, and roller-hockey and basketball tournaments. Bingo, a used-books sale, a car show, and various breakfast and dinner programs benefited several worthy causes. Giving the festival a real old-time flavor were competitions in everything from pie baking to pie eating.

Contest winners included:

## SUNFLOWER-GROWING CONTESTS

- Stan Rzadca (tallest)
- Margaret Taylor (largest face)

## CANNING CONTESTS

- Jim and Sandy Chapman (tomatoes)
- Wendy Leland (fruit jams)
- Wendy Leland (pickles)

## PIE-BAKING CONTESTS

- Nancy Farmer (apple)
- Linda Schulz (peach)

## PIE-EATING CONTESTS

- Gabe Baynesan (ages 4-5)
- Tristyn Savage (age 6)
- Merissa Peterson (age 7)
- Hannah Baynesan (age 8)
- John Peterson (age 9, contest #1)
- Daniel Barnes (age 9, contest #2)
- Malcolm Murry (age 10/boys)
- Shannah Burton (age 10/girls)
- Roderick Peterson (age 11)
- Ayla Raines (age 12)
- Nickolas Simkus (age 13)
- James Chapman (age 14)
- Melissa Peterson (adults)

## PUMPKIN-ROLLING CONTESTS

- Bradley Eves (ages 1-2)
- Dominic Craft (ages 3-4)
- Darian Hopper (age 5, contest #1)
- Alyssa Chapman (age 5, contest #2)
- Adelina Elwart (age 6)
- Kayla Leonard (age 7)
- Gabrielle Fyfe (age 8)
- Matthew Cusumano (age 9)
- Paula Russell (ages 10-11)
- Walter Russell (ages 12-13)
- James Chapman (age 14)

## SACK RACES

- Lexi Lyon (age 2)
- Andrew Eves (ages 3-4)
- Shaneka Cobb, Christa Evans, and Samantha Fyfe (tie, age 5)
- Caleb Chapman (ages 6-7)
- Gabrielle Fyfe (age 8)
- Matthew Cusumano (age 9, race #1)
- Joshua Chapman (age 9, race #2)
- Quinn Chapman (ages 11-12)
- James Chapman (ages 13 and up)
- Julius Rea (adults)

## MARSHMALLOW RACES

- Emma James (ages 1-2)
- Alyssa Chapman (ages 3-5/girls)
- Gabe Baynesan (ages 4-5/boys)



Carl Smith won first prize in the Parade of Lights' Motorized Division with his "Deadbeat Dad" entry. Photo by Richard Donahay and Chris Hardy

- Kayla Leonard (ages 6-7)
- Hannah Varner (age 8)
- Adam Albert (age 9/boys)
- Sydney Wade (age 9/girls)
- Vincent Ciccarelli and Tyler Statham (tie, ages 10-11)
- James Chapman (age 12)

## AIRPLANE RACES

- Braden Riley (ages 1-2)
- Samantha Fyfe (age 5)
- Caleb Chapman (age 7)
- Gabrielle Fyfe (age 8)
- Matthew Cusumano (age 9/boys)
- Sydney Wade (age 9/girls)
- Vincent Ciccarelli and Karra Yeramian (tie, ages 10-11)
- James Chapman (ages 12-14)
- Lewis Barnes (adults)

## TREASURE HUNTS

- Maria Walker (ages 1-2)
- Kalis Kersey (ages 3-4)
- Christa Evans (ages 5-6)
- Felicity Laraway (age 7)
- Chelsea Dyer (age 8)
- Adam Albert and Matthew Cusumano (tie, age 9/boys)
- Sagenea Ramsey (age 9/girls)
- Tyler Statham (age 10)
- Karra Yeramian (ages 11-12)

## "HONORABLE MENTION"

Other children and adults who deserve recognition for their participation in the

various contests and races include: Katlyn Adkins, Robert Aldson, Jackson Arold, Nancy Barnes, Lauren Beedee, Marsha Bergeron, Tom Boles, Paul Burcroff, Emma Burton, Shannon Burton, Alexis Caincross, Tracy Chapman, Maria Ciccarelli, Courtney DeSantis, Megan DeSantis, Nevaeh Doucet, Matthew Eldridge, Amy Elwart, Emily Elwart, Olivia Elwart, Ava Evans, Morgan Evans, Bree Ferguson, Jamie Ferguson, Kody Foley, Jeremy Frayer, Charlotte Fyfe, Brittany Harris, Tyree Hill, Carson Irwin, Kennedy Irwin, Kaitlyn Johnson, Bella Kirksey, Nikolas Krasnodemski, Pam Langston, Dacoda Lapalm, Makenzie Leland, Christopher LePage, Courtney Luokkala, Ben Mach, Jacob Maki, Tyree Martin, Autumn Murry, Joe Ozog, Jerriek Peterson, Justin Prybyla, Nicole Prybyla, Jacob Przebienda, Julius Rea, Bryce Robbins, Colton Robbins, Tyler Robbins, Blaire Saranas, Robert Schulz, Derek Sears, Duke Sears, Joe Sharrow, Faith Sheptoski-Forbush, Bridget Shore, Haylee Shore, Tyler Shore, Britinie Smith, Zoey Smith, Timothy Steinhart, Journey Tipton, Keith Trotter, Lauren Truett, Drew Vega, Skylar Wade, Enoch Walker, Paige Watson, Danielle Wheeler, Vanessa Yates, Michelle Yeramian, and Connor Zachary.

Editor's note: Thanks to the City of Romulus for providing information on contest winners.



Detroit Red Wings alumnus Lee Norwood (left) attended the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday to sign autographs and sell raffle tickets to benefit the Romulus Goodfellows' "No Child (or Senior Citizen) without a Christmas" program. Local disaster restoration specialists M.J. White & Son, Inc., offered to bring Norwood to the festival, and also donated the raffle prize: a four-pack of Red Wings tickets for a home game against the Montreal Canadiens.

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# Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to [thelittlepaper@comcast.net](mailto:thelittlepaper@comcast.net) by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 10.

## Belleville

### Friends of the Library

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held at the Fred C. Fischer Library (167 4th Street) on Saturday, October 4, at 9:30 a.m.

For information, call 734-699-3291.

## Brownstown Township

### Fall Cleanup Days

Brownstown residents may dispose of larger items on their regularly scheduled collection day only during Fall Cleanup Days, set for October 13-24.

Items accepted include tires, small car parts, appliances with Freon (refrigeration units), unlimited household rubbish, bulk items, and yard waste. Items should be placed at the curb in 32-gallon cans (or smaller) or bags, with all loose items in bundles no larger than three feet long and weighing no more than 50 pounds.

For information, call 734-675-4000.

### Preschool Kindermusik

The Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools, in cooperation with the Brownstown and Woodhaven recreation departments, is offering a "kindermusik" program for preschool children up to age 5. The program will continue at the Brownstown Community Center (21311 Telegraph Road) at 10 a.m. on the following Wednesdays: October 15\*, November 19, and December 17\*.

For information, or to register, call 734-675-0920.

*\*designates programs featuring craft projects*

## Huron Township

### Applefest Events at St. Paul

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) will host the following special activities during Huron Township's Applefest weekend (Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5):

- Craft Fair (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days);
- Homemade Apple Pie Sale (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days);
- Homemade Soup & Dessert Luncheon (Saturday, 11 a.m. until sold out), and

- Chicken Dinner (Sunday, 11:30 a.m. until sold out).

For information, call 734-753-9048.

### Church Welcomes New Faces

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) invites the public to the following weekly services/programs.

- Adult Bible Class (Sundays at 9 a.m.; Wednesdays at 10 a.m.)
- Sunday School (9 a.m.)
- Sunday Worship (10 a.m.; deaf-interpretation service on the second Sunday of each month)
- Wednesday Worship (7 p.m.)

For information, call 734-753-9048.

## Romulus

### Youth Group Swim Night

The Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) will hold a Youth Group Swim Night from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday, October 10.

Cost is \$8 per person.

For information, call 734-942-2223.

### Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for future discussions include:

- *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon (October 13), and
- *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean (November 10).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Hypnotherapy for Weight Loss

One-day hypnotherapy sessions for weight reduction will be held at the Romulus Recreation Building (11189 Shook Road) from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, and Saturday, November 22.

Cost per session is \$25 for residents and nonresidents. Deadlines for registration are October 16 and November 20, respectively.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Daddy/Daughter Dance

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its annual Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, in the cafeteria at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road).

Tickets for this immensely popular event must be purchased in advance.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Romulus High School Reunion

Romulus High School's Class of 1973 will hold its 35-year reunion at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 24, at the Woodlands of Van Buren (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne).

A \$75-per-person cost includes dinner, open bar, DJ, and dancing. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 8.

Call Piper Myers (734-941-9068) or send a check to her at 14360 Huron River Drive, Romulus, MI 48174.

### Children's Craft Programs

Youngsters are invited to sign up for one or more of the following one-day craft programs, which will be offered by the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

- **Halloween** (October 25),
- **Thanksgiving** (November 15), and
- **Christmas Tree Trim** (December 6).

Although there is no charge to participate, advance registration is requested.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Grief Support Group

A free grief-recovery support group meets at Romulus Wesleyan Church (37300 Goddard Road, at Huron River Drive) each Sunday at 9 a.m. and each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

For information, call 734-941-1511.

### Free Museum, Historic House Tours

The Romulus Historical Museum and the historic Samuel L. Kingsley home – located on Hunt Street near the post office in Romulus Historical Park – are open to the public for tours each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call 734-697-9628.

### American Progressive Association Meets

The American Progressive Association of Romulus meets at the Thomas Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road) on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. (Board of Directors meets from 5 to 6 p.m.) The public is welcome.

### School Board Meeting

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education meets at the District's Administrative Offices (36540 Grant Street) at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

For information, call 734-532-1600 or visit [romulusk12.com](http://romulusk12.com).

### City Council Meeting

The Romulus City Council meets at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) at 7:30 p.m. on the first, second, and fourth Monday of each month (except for holidays).

For information, call the City Clerk's Office at 734-942-7540 or visit the City's Web site: [romulusgov.com](http://romulusgov.com).

## Taylor

### Passport Fairs

The Taylor Post Office will hold its next two "passport fair" programs at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee Road) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, and Saturday, November 11.

For information, call 734-946-4863.

### Beautification Contest

The City of Taylor Beautification Commission is seeking nominees for beautification awards for residences and businesses. This year, a third category has been added for apartment complexes. The committee wants to honor those who help make the city a beautiful place to live and work.

To nominate someone, contact Michele McNeely at 734-374-1449 or [mmcneely@ci.taylor.mi.us](mailto:mmcneely@ci.taylor.mi.us). Property address required.

### "Meet with the Mayor" Night

The City of Taylor's next "Meet with Mayor Cameron Priebe" night – an open house program for Taylor residents – is usually held at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) on the Monday before the first council meeting of the month.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com).

### City Council Meeting

The Taylor City Council meets at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with study sessions taking place the night prior to the regular meeting.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com).

## Van Buren Township

Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with the American & Korean Tae Kwon Do Schools, will present the 22nd Annual Haunted Forest at Van Buren Township Park (South I-94 Service Drive, east of Rawsonville Road).

The Haunted Forest at Van Buren Park will be open Friday and Saturday evenings (October 24, 25, 31, and November 1) between 8 and 11 p.m. This event is not recommended for small children.

Cost of admission is \$8 (\$7 with valid school identification); group-rate tickets will be available for advance purchase starting October 20.

The Haunted Forest is in need of dedicated volunteers to "haunt" and help set-up the event. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, contact the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

## Elsewhere

### Laurel & Hardy Fan Club

The next meeting of Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy Fan Club, will be held on Thursday, November 20, at Mama Mia's Restaurant (27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster). Enter the banquet door; parking is available across the street in the west lot.

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at 7:30 p.m.

For information, contact Frank Spunar at 734-955-2487. □

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#### Flu Shots

Flu shots will be offered at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, October 16, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Shots are free if you have Medicare Part B; others will pay \$30.

Please call the Center as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

#### Lunch Out

Destination for this month's next lunch outing is Bob Evans (Friday, October 10). Bus will depart from the Center at 11 a.m.

Advance registration is required.

#### Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's bus, free of charge, to shop at Meijer/Southland on Monday, October 6; Wal-Mart on Monday, October 13; and Kmart on Monday, October 20. Transportation departs from the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

#### Club #1 Meets

The senior social group known as Club #1 gets together at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. The next meeting – set for October 7 – will feature games and a bag lunch.

New faces are always welcome!

#### Jewelry Class

The next of Maria Lambert's always-popular jewelry classes will be held on Thursday, October 9, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10. Preregister at the Center.

#### "Wii" Have Fun at the Senior Center!

Get moving and have a good time doing it by playing "virtual" bowling, golf, and tennis games on the Senior Center's Wii system. Better yet, bring a friend to compete against, and double your fun!

#### Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

#### Hot Lunches Warm Cool Afternoons

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. weekdays (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25. This month's menu includes BBQ pulled pork, Swedish meatballs, fried chicken drumsticks, sloppy joes, mac & cheese, and veggie lasagna.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

#### Senior Discounts at Athletic Center

The beautiful new Romulus Athletic Center is offering generous discounts on memberships for Romulus senior citizens. Individuals can join for as little as \$168.75 per year; families (all members must be senior citizens) for as little as \$300.

Romulus seniors can also purchase individual day passes for just \$5.25.

The RAC – located at 35765 Northline – is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 734-942-2223 for info.

### Taylor

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#### Flu/Pneumonia Shots

Kroger Pharmacy will be at the Ford Senior Center from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, October 13, to administer flu shots *by advance appointment only*. Cost for seniors without Medicare card: \$25 for flu, \$40 for pneumonia.

#### Ping-Pong Tournament

Humana Marketpoint Insurance will sponsor a ping-pong tournament at the Center on Friday, October 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Trophies will be awarded for first place. Pizza and pop will be available for participants.

Advance sign-up is required.

#### "An Afternoon at the Movies"

Enjoy a gourmet buffet and dessert, then check out *The Secret Life of Bees* (with complimentary popcorn and beverages) on Tuesday, October 21. Bus departs from the Center at 10:15 a.m. and returns at about 4 p.m.

A cost of \$18.75 includes transportation, lunch, and admission. Advance registration is required.

#### Special Trips

For more information about these and other special trips, call the Center.

- **Stoney Creek Apple Orchard** (Friday, October 10; \$9 covers transportation, a wagon ride to the orchard to pick apples, and a cider-and-donut snack afterward; lunch at the Romeo Family Restaurant is not included; bus will also stop at Frontier Town; bus departs at 11 a.m. and returns about 5 p.m.);
- **Crafts 2000** (Monday, October 20; \$2 covers transportation to the Craft 2000 superstore in Monroe; lunch at Super China Buffet and ice-cream at Independent Dairy is not included; bus departs at 10:30 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m.).
- **Greektown Casino** (Thursday, November 20; \$10 covers transportation and a \$15 voucher that can be used for food or money; bus departs at 9 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m.).

#### Halloween Birthday Bash

If you were born in October, and are 55 or older, you won't want to miss the Center's next Birthday Bash, set for Thursday, October 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. Come dressed in your favorite costume to compete for a prize. A small prize will also be given to everyone who brings in a pair of new socks. Cake, ice cream, and karaoke will be among the day's other attractions.

There's no charge to attend; simply preregister by Monday, October 27. No children, please. ☐

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Belleville, Brownstown, New Boston, Romulus, or Taylor, **the little paper** will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

### ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Belleville, Brownstown, New Boston, Romulus, or Taylor, **the little paper** will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Bridesmaids \_\_\_\_\_

Groomsmen \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

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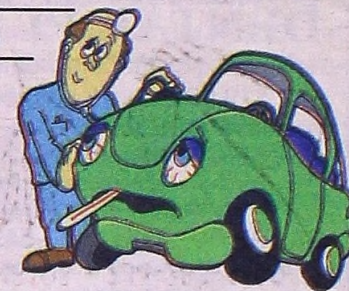
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